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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: A. Patel
MASATO YAMANUBE, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2879
Application No.: 09/041,639	)	
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Filed: March 13, 1998	)	
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For: IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS	)	October 2, 2003

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to  
amend the above-identified application as follows: